

CARR-1204

1905

Martin Gross "E" Cottage

Public

Springfield Hospital Center

Sykesville

Built to house male epileptics, "E" Cottage is a two story, flemish bond brick building. Located east of the original quadrangle of buildings, "E" Cottage displays a slate hipped roof and forms an H shaped layout.

Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

Survey No. CARR-1204

Magi No. 0712044739

DOE ☐ yes ☐ no

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Men's Group "E" Cottage

and/or common Martin Gross "E" Cottage

2. Location Springfield Hospital Center

street & number

☐ not for publication

city, town Sykesville

☐ vicinity of

congressional district 6

state Maryland

county Carroll

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input type="checkbox"/> private	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial
	<input type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military
			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> other: Hospital

4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Department of Health and Mental Hygiene

street & number 201 West Preston Street

telephone no.: 301-225-6816

city, town Baltimore

state and zip code Maryland 21201

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Carroll County Courthouse Annex, Rm. G-8

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street & number 55 North Court Street

folio

city, town Westminster

state Maryland 21157

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date

☐ federal ☐ state ☐ county ☐ local

depository for survey records

city, town

state

7. Description

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Condition

☐ excellent
☐ good
☒ fair

☐ deteriorated
☐ ruins
☐ unexposed

Check one

☐ unaltered
☒ altered

Check one

☒ original site
☐ moved date of move _____

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

"E" Cottage of the Martin Gross complex is a flemish bond brick building which displays a lopsided H plan. The main block measures three bays wide and five bays deep. The connecting wings of three bays are perpendicular to the main block while the north and south pavilions are parallel to the main block. The parallel pavilions differ in size. The northern wing measures one bay wide and three bays deep, while the southern wing provides the asymmetrical appearance with larger dimensions of two bays wide and five bays deep. The entire building is two stories high and exhibits a hipped roof.

The central block displays features which appear on the rest of the building. A molded brownstone water table decorates the base of the building. The ground level openings show a segmented arch lintel composed of two rows of header bricks and a smooth stone sill. The brownstone sills of the first floor windows are interrupted by a brick string course. The 12/12 double-hung windows exhibit a brownstone lintel with alternating voussoirs and a raised keystone. The second floor windows repeat the same pattern. The hipped roof has a large overhang with plain bracketing on the soffit.

Both a dormer and a brick chimney project above the roof on the central block. The hipped dormer is centrally located with casement windows and a hipped, slate roof. The interior chimney is enhanced by decorative brick work on the flue. A hipped dormer also appears on the northern pavilion. In contrast, the west and east wall of the southern pavilion exhibits an interior wall chimney. A string course decorates the rim of the chimneys.

The east face of the building repeats the fenestration pattern and the architectural features. The main distinction on the east wall is a one story, flemish bond brick addition attached to the main block. The addition measures five bays wide and two bays deep and imitates similar features of the original building such as a brick water table, hipped roof, and bracketed eaves.

The southern wall of the southern pavilion displays a brick and shingled addition which is supported by brick piers. A hipped, slate-covered roof covers the addition. Half of the face of the addition is covered by fishscale shingles while the remaining half exhibits a brick face.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
— prehistoric	— archeology-prehistoric	— community planning	— landscape architecture	— religion
— 1400-1499	— archeology-historic	— conservation	— law	— science
— 1500-1599	— agriculture	— economics	— literature	— sculpture
— 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	— education	— military	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> social/
— 1700-1799	— art	— engineering	— music	— humanitarian
— 1800-1899	— commerce	— exploration/settlement	— philosophy	— theater
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	— communications	— industry	— politics/government	— transportation
		— invention		— other (specify)

Specific dates 1905

Builder/Architect Unknown

check: Applicable Criteria: ☒ A ☐ B ☒ C ☐ D

and/or Applicable Exception: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G

Level of Significance: ☐ national ☒ state ☐ local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

Erected as the fifth residential hospital building within the Martin Gross complex, "E" Cottage was specifically designed to house male epileptics. Accommodating 85 patients, "E" Cottage was completed in 1905. The original plan of the hospital called for a separate colony for epileptic patients. While this separate unit of buildings was eventually constructed in 1924, the hospital needed accommodations for the epileptic patient shortly after Springfield was established. The construction of "E" Cottage fulfilled the immediate need for epileptic housing. The cottage even provided its own dining room.

The individual building for the epileptics reflected the accepted practice toward the misunderstood disease. Epileptics were often segregated from the other mental patients because the seizures were viewed as disruptive to other patients. In addition, in between the seizures, the patients often lacked any sign of mental illness. "E" Cottage complete with dining room reinforced this segregation.

The architectural detail of "E" Cottage is limited but the detail the building does portray has been retained. The visual integrity of the building is somewhat diminished by a large steel fire escape ramp which runs from the second floor of the southern pavilion to the first floor entrance on the main block. Though the building does not display ornamentation which is similar to the original buildings of the group, "E" Cottage certainly contributes to the architectural homogeneity in its choice of materials, massing, and design.

Additional detail of building is retained in the building.

has not been lost for building and is being retained for building.

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9. Major Bibliographical References

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10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property _____

Quadrangle name _____

Quadrangle scale _____

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

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Zone Easting Northing

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Verbal boundary description and justification _____

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code
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state	code	county	code
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11. Form Prepared By

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